

*Application No. 10/668069*  
*Page 10*

*Amendment*  
*Attorney Docket No. P81:2B-11251-US01*

**Amendments To The Drawings:**

None.

DEC 21 2006

*Application No. 10/668069*  
*Page 11**Amendment*  
*Attorney Docket No. P81.2B-11251-US01***Remarks**

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated **October 11, 2006**.

In the Office Action, the Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 13, alleging the same to be unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,558,536 to Dunsmoor ("Dunsmoor").

Claims 6, 14, and 15 were rejected, the Office alleging the same to be unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dunsmoor in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,390,454 to Coddens ("Coddens").

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected, the Office alleging the same to be unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dunsmoor in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,566,234 to Held ("Held").

Claims 11 and 12 were objected to, the Office alleging the same as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but claims 11 and 12 were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 17 and 18 were allowed.

No amendments have been made to the specification or drawings.

Claims 1 – 16 have been canceled.

New claims 19 and 20 have been presented, new claim 19 being a combination of original claims 1, 10, and 11, and new claim 20 being directed to the subject matter of original claim 12.

The following comments are presented in the same order and with headings corresponding to those in the Office Action.

**Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C § 102**

In the Office Action, the Office rejected claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 13, alleging the same to be unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Dunsmoor. As presented above, Applicant has canceled claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 13, without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting the rejections to the aforementioned claims.

*Application No. 10/668069*  
*Page 12*

*Amendment*  
*Attorney Docket No. P81.2B-11251-US01*

### **Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C § 103**

Claims 6, 14, and 15 were rejected, the Office alleging the same to be unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dunsmoor in view of Coddens. As presented above, Applicant has canceled claims 6, 14, and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting the rejections to the aforementioned claims.

Claims 7 and 8 were rejected, the Office alleging the same to be unpatentable under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) over Dunsmoor in view of Held. As presented above, Applicant has canceled claims 7 and 8 without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby mooting the rejections to the aforementioned claims.

### **Claim Objections**

Claims 11 and 12 were objected to, the Office alleging the same as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but claims 11 and 12 were said to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant has canceled claims 11 and 12 and added new claims 19 and 20, directed to the subject matter of original claims 11 and 12. New independent claim 19 is a combination of claims 1, 10, and 11, and dependent claim 20 is directed to the subject matter of original claim 12. No new matter has been presented.

Applicant believes that new claims 19 and 20 overcome the objections to original claims 11 and 12.

### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant notes with appreciation the allowance of claims 17 and 18.

DEC 21 2006

*Application No. 10/668069*  
*Page 13*

*Amendment*  
*Attorney Docket No. P81.2B-11251-US01*

**Conclusion**

In light of the foregoing, Applicant believes the application, with pending claims 17 – 20, is in condition for allowance. Early action to that effect is earnestly solicited.


Should the Examiner have any questions, he is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

VIDAS, ARRETT & STEINKRAUS

Date: December 21, 2006

By: \_\_\_\_\_

  
James L. Shands  
Registration No.: 54439

6109 Blue Circle Drive, Suite 2000  
Minnetonka, MN 55343-9185  
Telephone: (952) 563-3000  
Facsimile: (952) 563-3001

f:\wpwork\jls\11251us01\_amd\_20061220.doc